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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION REPORT: PARIS COMMUNIQUE SIGNING

1. ALL MEDIA PROMINENTLY REPORT SIGNING PARIS COMMUNIQUE, WHICH FRONT- PAGED IN JUNE 14 POLITIKA AND BORBA. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO EDITORIALS, TONE OF HEADLINES AND ARTICLES REFLECTS SATISFACTION THAT KISSINGER/ LE DUC THO TALKS ON VN ENDED SUCCESSFULLY WITH " SIGNING OF AGREEMENT AT LAST." TANJUG WASHINGTON DESPATCH (BOGUNOVIC) IN JUNE 14 DAILY BULLETIN (BUT NOT CARRIED BY MAJOR DAILIES THUS FAR) COMMENTS ON SIGNING OF AGREEMENT FOR IMPLEMENTING JANUARY ACCORDS ON VN AS " WELCOME EVENT... TO ADMINISTRATION AND IN CONGRESSIONAL CIRCLES."

2. ADMINISTRATION, " URGENTLY NEEDS" TO CHALK UP FOREIGN POLICY SUCCESS, ARTICLE SAYS, BECAUSE OF " PROBLEMS IT FACES ON HOME FRONT, NOT LEAST AMONG THEM DISCOMFITING INFLATION AND ' WATERGATE'." CONGRESS NEEDS WAY OUT OF " DISCOMFITING STALEMATE BROUGHT ABOUT BY CONVINCING MAJORITY VOTES IN BOTH HOUSES ON STOPPING FURTHER BOMBING OF CAMBODIA AND LAOS, BUT WHICH ACCOMPANIED BY PROCEDURAL MANEUVERS THAT HAVE FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES MADE DECISIONS
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" NONOPERATIVE."

3. ARTICLE CITES INCREASED OPPOSITION TO CONTINUED BOMBING, ESPECIALLY BY FAMILIES OF B-52 CREWS WHO APPEARED ON TV FEW DAYS AGO. TANJUG SAYS MOST PROMINENTLY FEATURED COMMUNIQUE CLAUSES LEAKED TO PRESS WERE ONES WHICH WOULD FURTHER REMOVE U. S. FROM DANGER OF RESUMING WAR OPERATIONS AGAIN IN VN, I. E., TERMINATION OF U. S. RECOMMAISSANCE FLIGHTS, MINE CLEARING AND RESUMPTION OF UN/ NVN ECONOMIC COMMISSION TALKS.

4. FINALLY, ARTICLE CITES U. S. PRESS COMMENTS ABOUT GEN. THIEU BEING " MAIN OBSTACLE ONCE AGAIN" TO NEW AGREEMENT AND U. S. PRESS DOUBTS ABOUT THIEU READINESS TO PUT NEW AGREEMENT INTO EFFECT WHEN IT IS SIGNED.
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